

Legal Blotter

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31st Fighter Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (31 FW/JA)

Courts-Martial

No Courts-Martial for the month of September

Article 15 Actions (Non-Judicial Punishment)

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-3, forfeiture of \$959 pay per month for 2 months (suspended), 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 86, failure to go, and one violation of Article 134, incapacitated for duty.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Communications Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-3 (suspended) and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, willful dereliction of duty.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-2, forfeiture of \$858.00 pay per month for 2 months (suspended), 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 86, failure to go, and one violation of Article 134, incapacitated for duty.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received 10 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$500, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 109, destruction of property, and one violation of Article 134, disorderly conduct.

Involuntary Discharges

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Honorable discharge for Misconduct: Drug Abuse (self-identified).

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received an Honorable discharge for Unsatisfactory Performance: Failure to Progress in Military Training.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Munitions Squadron received an Honorable discharge for Unsatisfactory Performance: Failure to Meet Minimum Fitness Standards.

From the 31st Fighter Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider

the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. Every case is unique and is evaluated independently. The Manual for Courts-Martial reminds us that military law promotes justice, assists in the maintenance of good order and discipline in the armed forces, promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the military establishment, and strengthens the national security of the United States.